औद्योगिक घरानों के टेलीफोनों का चोरी छिपे सुना जाना

365. मौलाना अबेदुल्ला खान आजमी: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हाल ही में औद्योगिक घरानों के टेलीफोनों को चोरी छिपे सुना गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं, और इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और इसे सभा पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा ।

PCOs in rural areas

366. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the present coverage of rural PCOs in the country and the quantum of additions envisaged for the 8th Five Year Plan Period.

(b) the state-wise/district-wise details of post offices in rural areas which do not have a PCO and the time-frame provided to instal a PCO in every village Post Office;

(c) whether applicants from SC ST and Backward Classes are given preferential treatment in the matter of allotment of private PCOs; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) As on 28.02 1995, the total number of villages having the coverage of rural PCOs is 1,70,241. During the Eighth Five Year Plan, a total quantum of additions envisaged is coverage or 3,86,418 villages comprising of all 236418 Panchayat villages, and an additional 1,50,000 non-Panchayat villages.

(b) The information is being collected and will be placed on tse table of the House.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. No such treatment is given in case of rural areas. However, in case of urban areas wherever there is a Constraint in the exchange capacity, such preferencial treatment is given to the applicants from SC/ST and Backward classes of society in allotment of private PCOs.

Changes in telecom policy

367. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any shift in its new Telecom Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits expected out of it;

(c) when the rural areas will get benefit of telecom services;

(d) whether Government have any plans to give telephones immediately to every-one who demands, without waiting for longer periods, in the urban areas, particularly in Ahmedabad and metropolitan cities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) A policy decision was taken in January, 1991 to provide telephone facility to all Panchayat villages of the country progressively by 31st March, 1995, subject to availability of resources. The new Telecom Policy, 1994 envisages coverage of all villages for the purpose of telephone facility by 1997. Private sector participation has also been envisaged for achieving this goal. As part of this programme, following services are planned: